

WHEREAS, Said act and the acceptance thereof constitutes a contract between the said company and the State of Iowa which should be faithfully and promptly performed by the parties thereto; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has reason to apprehend that certain officers or stockholders of said company, or other persons, may attempt to control said company, or corporation, to prevent a prompt performance on its part of said contract, or by vexatious litigation hinder or delay said performance: therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the Attorney-General of said State is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to institute and prosecute, in the name of the State of Iowa, such suits and proceedings against said company, its officers, or any other person or persons, as in his judgment may be necessary to secure or enforce, on the part of said company, a prompt performance of and compliance with the requirements and provisions of said act, and that said Attorney-General is also authorized, empowered and instructed to intervene in and defend in the name of the State of Iowa, or take such other steps as he may deem necessary and proper in any suits or proceedings instituted by the said company, its officers, or any of its stockholders, in the courts of this or any other State, or of the United States, when in his opinion such suits are or have been instituted for the purpose of preventing or delaying, on the part of said company, a performance of or compliance with the requirements or provisions of said act, or to in otherwise delay or prevent the completion of the railroad of said company from Des Moines to Council Bluffs, as required by the terms of said act; and all costs and expenses attending such suits and proceedings shall be paid by said corporation.

NUMBER XV.

RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Ratifying the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in Regard to Representation, Reconstruction and the National Debt.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United has proposed to the several States the following amendment to the Federal Constitution, viz:

ARTICLE 14.

SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for president and vice-president of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridge[d], except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a senator or representative in Congress, or elector of president and vice-president, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; but Congress may, by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned; but neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article: therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,
That the State of Iowa by its legislature hereby ratifies, adopts, and assents to said amendment.

Approved April 3, 1868.